

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Italy's Dilemma

With the fall of the Italian Government last Saturday—the third time in about eight months—and the precarious balance in the French assembly likely to topple M. Laniel out of office at any moment, it is time these two countries worked out a more practical application of "democracy" for their parliamentary institutions. François Mauriac recently said of France: "The essential cause of our troubles is the extreme individualism of the French people. Each shade of political opinion insists on being represented." The same is equally true of Italy today. Within the Italian Chamber of Deputies there are the following political groups: The Christian Democrats, the Republicans and the Liberals occupying roughly the middle of the road position, the Monarchists and the Neo-Fascists on the right, and the Communists, left-wing Socialists under Nenni and the Social Democrats on the left. There is a somewhat similar alignment of parties in the French Assembly. The fact that Signor Fanfani's defeat struck a blow to Italian unification of the EDC treaty and Western Defence generally is sad enough, but it is incidental to the main dilemma facing these countries.

SOME compromise must be sought within the basic coalition that is to govern the country. It is absurd for any Prime Minister to have to rely on the vote of vacillating minorities whose members are more concerned with the abstract philosophical approach to a problem rather than a practical political approach. Fresh elections cannot solve the Italian problem either although it is ironic that Alcide de Gasperi, the giant capable of leading the country through its present troubled times, has to watch helplessly from the sidelines. Within the French and Italian Parliaments are groups with basically similar policies which, so long as they are ready to compromise on small differences and form a single entity, could speak with authority and could do much to weaken the power of the Communists. After all, minor differences of opinion within the coalition—the cause of Signor Fanfani's downfall—are surely a matter for the privacy of the Government party room, not Parliament itself. If democracy is to be saved, it must be made more secure.

# Missing Soviet Diplomat In American Hands

## SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURE Revealing Secrets Of Spy Ring

Tokyo, Feb. 2. A Soviet diplomat has surrendered to a top-secret US intelligence agency and is voluntarily disclosing the operation of a Russian spy ring in the Far East, an authoritative source said today. Rastvorov, second secretary of the outlawed Soviet diplomatic mission in Japan, disappeared on Jan. 24, only a few hours before he was to fly back to Moscow. Two days later the Soviet mission asked Tokyo police to search for him. The chief of the Russian mission, F. J. Runov, accused the United States yesterday of kidnapping Rastvorov "with the aim of provocation of the Soviet Union."

Runov told a press conference he believed that Rastvorov was "taken by the American espionage organization in Japan" and "detained by them."

The informant said Rastvorov broke with the Russians last week because he feared for his life. An official who accompanied the Russian speed skating team to Japan in mid-January, Anatoli Borinov, was believed to have come to take the unrepentant Communist agent back to Moscow. Borinov waited here after the skating team explained for Russia, then flew back alone on Jan. 25, the day after Rastvorov disappeared.

The source said Rastvorov was still in the Far East but could not disclose where he was being questioned. Speculation centred on the possibility that he had been flown to Okinawa, American island base south of Japan, where a turncoat North Korean MIG pilot was taken after he sought political asylum last October. Both the US Far East Command and American Embassy denied any knowledge of the missing Russian. A high ranking American told United Press that the US officials deliberately issued false denials about the case "because it was in the American interest to do so."

It was understood that only the highest military and diplomatic officials were informed of the sensational development and they decide to hide the facts until Rastvorov had been taken to safety and thoroughly questioned.—United Press.

"IN OUR HANDS" Washington, Feb. 1. Informed sources here said tonight that the missing Soviet

diplomat Yuri Rastvorov "is in our hands."

These sources unofficially confirmed Tokyo reports that Rastvorov has surrendered to the American authorities in Japan. They refused to give any details of the case, however.

The State Department declined to answer any questions on the matter.

Asked about Rastvorov earlier today, White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told reporters that "nobody in the White House knows his whereabouts."

Asked whether he had checked with other government agencies, Mr. Hagerty replied, "Of course."

—United Press.

## Another Hitler Will Discovered

From Colin Lawson Berlin, Feb. 1.

A will made by Hitler in 1938 after he decided to act against Czechoslovakia has just come to light. It was found in 1945 by an East German electrician while repairing cables under the ruined Reich Chancellery for the Russians. He hid it, hoping to be able to sell it later, but was scared. It was recovered from the lining of his jacket when he died last week.

His widow, who showed more business acumen than her husband, took it to Herr Gerd Rosen, the Berlin expert on documents and archives.

He said tonight, "If all goes well I expect to get anything up to £20,000 for it."

The document is eight pages of excruciatingly bad writing signed with the once famous scribble, Adolf Hitler, and dated Berlin, May 2, 1938.

In the will Hitler left all his property to the Nazi Party and ordered them to pay lump sums totalling £10,000 and pensions amounting to £3,750 a year.

Heading the list was the then 17-year-old Eva Braun, whom the Fuehrer later married in his Berlin dugout. She was to have had £1,000 a year for life.

Flashback: A will made by Hitler just before he and Eva Braun died in the Berlin Chancellery shelter in May, 1945 was declared valid by a Düsseldorf court on December 4, 1952. In this Hitler made the Nazi Party and the German State his heirs.—London Express Service.

**Survivors Reach Shore Safely** Santa Barbara, Feb. 1. The five occupants of the fishing boat Sea Lion, destroyed by fire at sea today, have reached shore about 34 miles north of here in a lifeboat, according to local police.

The Coast Guard said that the cause of the blaze was not known.—France-Press.

## Where They Are Doing The Talking



Picture shows: Top: The Soviet Embassy building in the Unter den Linden, Eastern Berlin, and bottom: The Control Building in Western Berlin. These are the buildings which are used for the meeting of the Big Four representatives. The meetings are being held in these buildings alternately each week.—London Express.

## Blackmailed Into Admitting Infidelity Alleges Roosevelt

Los Angeles, Feb. 1.

James Roosevelt charged today that he had been "blackmailed" by his estranged wife into falsely confessing infidelity with completely innocent women to avoid a scandal during his father's last term as President.

The eldest son of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a blanket denial of charges by his wife that he had been guilty of misconduct with 12 women. He said the women were "completely innocent" and he asked their forgiveness for their being involved.

Roosevelt said his wife, the former Romelle Schneider, was wildly jealous and, in her attempts to get material security, conducted a calculated campaign. In February 1945, on the day before he returned to service with the Marines in the Pacific, Roosevelt said, he signed a letter admitting imaginary misconduct with nine women who were no more than friends or acquaintances.

"The South China Morning Post will be issued as usual tomorrow, but will not resume publication until Saturday morning."

He said he did so "in return for a promise from his wife that they would try to begin their marriage anew and that she would in time destroy the letter."

If he refused to sign, he said, his wife threatened to name the women and he was faced with the "horror" of giving an added burden to his father, who had just been elected to his fourth term.

Roosevelt said he was below par physically and mentally (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)

# Molotov Returns To The Attack: Flays Western Powers

Berlin, Feb. 1.

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, today dropped all pretence of friendliness to the West and delivered the fiercest attack yet heard at the present Big Four conference.

In a scathing attack, which lasted two hours, Mr. Molotov singled out the United States as the chief recipient of Soviet venom and directed fierce criticism towards the establishment of American bases in Europe and the United States foreign aid programme.

The Soviet Foreign Minister also reiterated his bitter opposition to the proposed European defence community and, in an obvious effort to forestall the realisation of the community, proposed a "peace conference" meeting in October this year attended by representatives of all countries which fought against Germany.

Up for discussion at today's session of the Big Four, held for the first time in the massive, ornate Soviet Embassy in the East Sector of Berlin, was the critical German question, raised by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, last week with a plan for free, all-German elections, leading to the formation of a united Germany.

In his attack on the Western plan, Mr. Molotov pulled no punches and shed all vestiges of friendliness which had marked the exchanges so far.

Mr. Molotov rose to speak after the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, had given wholehearted support to the British plan based on free elections throughout Germany for the formation of an all-German government.

He was followed by Mr. Eden, who gave full British support to the European Defence Community, which, he said, was the best possible guarantee against a return of German militarism and constituted a European instrument of security which might allow any possible Soviet attack.

Devoting the main part of his attack against what he called the "aggressive American policy" of constructing military bases in other countries, Mr. Molotov also sharply criticised the "subversive activities" of the West in eastern European countries.

In a speech, which took over two-and-a-half hours to translate into English and French, the Soviet Foreign Minister reiterated the Soviet proposal for a national German army limited to internal duties and declared that before a peace treaty could come into effect, no political or military obligation should be imposed on Germany on the basis of previous agreements.

**REPEATS DEMAND** Mr. Molotov again stressed his demand that the two German governments should take part in preliminary peace treaty negotiations but he stated that the treaty should be signed and ratified by the final all-German political organisation.

The Soviet Foreign Minister referred only briefly to free elections and said that the Soviet Union attached great importance to the conclusion of his speech, Mr. Molotov handed his three Western colleagues a proposal for convening a peace conference in October this year and another proposal on negotiations for a German peace treaty with the participation of the East and West German governments.

In his proposal for a German peace treaty, the Soviet Foreign Minister put forward the following points:

1. The text of the treaty should be prepared within a maximum of three months by the deputies of the four foreign ministers.

2. All the allied states, which took part in the war against Hitlerite Germany, should be enabled to give their views during the preparatory period.

German representatives should take part in the negotiations at all stages of the preparation of the peace treaty, until the formation of a provisional all-German government.

Representatives of both the East and West German governments should take part in the preparation of the treaty.

4. A peace conference should be called within six months and, in any case, not later than October, 1954.

15. It was necessary, said Mr. Molotov, to conclude a German peace treaty rapidly. The Soviet Union, he added, had submitted its proposal with this in view and because the Western powers had presented no equivalent proposal.

**THREE AMENDMENTS** In submitting his proposal, Mr. Molotov suggested three amendments:

1. That no agreement signed by the present East and West German governments should be imposed on the future, all-German government.

2. That Germany should be exempted from payment of its post-war debts except for those

He contended that the French Foreign Minister had defended the Bonn and Paris treaties despite the growing hostility of the French people. The defence of the community, he said, was the American representative, whose country was not even part of the association. EDC, he continued, would fail and it would lead Europe to ruin.

Dealing with his peace proposal, Mr. Molotov claimed that this would enable a final solution to be reached on Germany and on the problems of the Second World War.

## POTS DAM AGREEMENT

He asked that the German frontiers should be bound by agreements reached at Potsdam, which would limit the main trunk of the Oder-Neisse line in the East.

Under the proposal, Germany would be enabled to possess a national army, a navy and an air force, but these forces would be limited to internal duties, local border defence and anti-aircraft tasks.

The Soviet proposal would also allow Germany to manufacture war material, but only to the extent required for equipping the armed forces Germany would be allowed under the peace treaty.

"The Soviet proposal envisages no restrictions on the development of Germany's civil economy, trade and shipping and access to world markets."

After Mr. Molotov had finished speaking, the American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said that he would "wait until tomorrow" to add his views on the German question.

The session closed at 6.55 GMT.—France-Press.

## Stoker Sentenced

Valetta, Malta, Feb. 1.

Stoker Ames Skivington was sentenced to nine months' detention by a Royal naval court here today for causing damage aboard the 9,000-ton submarine depot ship Forth.

The sailor was found guilty of damaging five gauges and setting fire to a cushion. He also attempted to flood an auxiliary engine on the ship which is in dry dock here.—China Mail Special.



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## Govt Survives Vote

London, Feb. 1. Sir Winston Churchill's Government, by 266 votes to 232, tonight defeated a Labour opposition motion deploring its decision to scrap the new British EM-2 Rifle in favour of the Belgian FN-30.

The Prime Minister said some Labour members were "always looking for opportunities to find fault with the Americans, even on this question of the rifle."

At one point Sir Winston Churchill angrily thumped the table and demanded an apology from Mr. Woodrow Wyatt (Labour) for accusing him of "falsifying the facts" over a British trial of the Belgian rifle in 1951.

He said the opposition were trying to "work up prejudice and hostility and partnership to cover up their folly in 1951."

The British rifle was "a fine piece of work but it would have been fatal to adopt it in isolation from the other North Atlantic treaty powers."


In the three years that had passed rival weapons had been continuously improved.



Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, who had earlier moved the Labour motion, accused the Prime Minister of "betraying a trust" to provide the best possible rifle to the British Army.


Roosevelt said he was below par physically and mentally (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)


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# VIETMINH FORCE NEARS LUANG PRABANG

## 12,000 Rebels Only 7 Days March Away

Vientiane, Feb. 1.

The crack Vietminh 308th Division was tonight advancing south-west through the dense jungles and high mountains of northern Laos in a three-pronged drive on the capital of Luang Prabang.

While the northernmost column of the "Iron" Division had already forced the Nam Hou river at several points south of the outpost of Mongh Khoua, a central column was marching down the Nam Hou river valley which joins the Mekong river north of Luang Prabang, and the southernmost column was driving toward Pak Seng, north-east of the threatened capital.

The three Vietminh columns are estimated at a total strength of 12,000. The Division had been suddenly switched by the Vietminh Command from the force investing the French Union fortress of Dien Bien Phu just to the east of the Laos frontier.

French fighter bombers and 3-20 bombers rained napalm and high explosives on to jungle tracks leading toward Luang Prabang while helicopter fighters from the aircraft carrier *Arromanches* joined in the air strikes.

French military sources indicated that powerful mobile task forces which recently proved their worth in heavy fighting in Northern Laos would be ready for a counter-attack only after several days.

French Union forces are withdrawing the bulk of their forces before the advancing Vietminh columns, leaving detachments to fight delaying actions.

But they were still holding all the valley posts on the invasion route from the north, notably Mongh Khoua, 75 miles north-east of Luang Prabang and Pak Seng.

ONE WEEK'S MARCH  
The "Iron" 308th Division, recently trained in mountain warfare, is one of the main shock divisions of the Vietminh Command, Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap.

It was previously stationed on the northern side of Dien Bien Phu, and to reach its present positions had to move across the rear of the Vietminh 310th Division besieging the French Union fortress from the south.

The Vietminh forces, only one week's march from the gates of Luang Prabang, are following roughly the same route they had used in a similar offensive last spring but this time they are more numerous and in better physical condition.

Supplies had been prepared long in advance by regional Vietminh units in readiness for this new offensive, timed by their leader Ho Chi Minh to coincide with the four-power meeting in Berlin.

AIRLIFT CONTINUES  
In the meantime French Air Force transports continued to airlift supplies and reinforcements to Luang Prabang. Strong defensive positions have been maintained around the Laotian capital since the Vietminh offensive last spring, and they guard the airstrip on the left bank of the Mekong river.

In the past few days these defensive positions had been

## "Shocked And Grieved At India"—Ali

Karachi, Feb. 1.

Pakistan's Premier Mohammed Ali warned India today "we shall not allow any country to interfere in the internal affairs of Pakistan."

In his monthly nation wide broadcast, Mohammed Ali said he was shocked and grieved at India's efforts to turn public opinion against American military aid to Pakistan.

He said Pakistan would not be intimidated by India or any other country, and reaffirmed his determination to make Pakistan strong militarily, politically, economically and ideologically.

Mohammed Ali accused the Indian Congress (majority) Party of a persistent campaign against military aid to Pakistan, despite Pakistan's assurances that she had no aggressive designs but merely meant to strengthen her part of the world.

The Premier said it was a pity that India was trying to interfere in Pakistan's affairs because when India had received foreign aid Pakistan had not protested or tried to sway public opinion.

Mohammed Ali praised the "remarkably peaceful" attitude displayed by the people of Pakistan in the face of the Indian campaign and exhorted them to remain calm and united.

Informed observers believe that Indian opposition has been one of the main reasons why the people of Pakistan are so receptive to the proposed American military aid to their country.

With the exception of the Communist press, which has little influence, there has been little publicly expressed opposition to the proposal.

India's vociferous opposition to the establishment of the military bases had consolidated official opinion concerning the strengthening of Pakistan's armed forces and the future defence of the nation.

Even quarters who had some misgivings about the possible results of American military aid and it difficult to condemn the plan because of India's opposition.—France-Press and United Press.

## Hillary: "Makes Me Realise What An Easy Time I Had"

New York, Feb. 1.

Sir Edmund Hillary, conqueror of the highest mountain in the world, listened here last night to a story of an unsuccessful American assault on the second highest mountain and said: "Makes me realise what an easy time I had on Mount Everest."

In a talk at the Pakistan Embassy, Dr. Charles Houston described his American expedition to "K-2" in the Karakoram range in Pakistan where they climbed to 25,000 feet with comparative ease. But snow and strong winds prevented them from continuing.

A member of the group became ill and while lowering him in his sleeping bag, the party fell 125 feet, but was saved by the last two men on the linking rope. But the sick man could not be rescued.

It was presumed an avalanche swept him away. Dr. Houston said.

Houston continued to praise the party as they continued the quest which took him away from the world's highest mountain.

## St. Trinian's New Headmistress But Girls Who?



Yes, it's none other than Alistair Sims. At this particular stage, in the new British film "The Belles of St. Trinian's", headmistress Fritton is saying "Girls, girls! You know that girls are not allowed in the dormitories." The film is a new Lumina-Gillette production for London Films now being directed at Shepperton, Middlesex. The film inspired by Ronald Garside's famous schoolgirl cartoons, stars Alistair Sims with Joyce Grenfell, George Cole, Hermione Baddeley, Betty Ann Davies and Beryl Reid.

## Russia May Be Ahead Of U.S. In Design Of Nuclear Missiles

Washington, Feb. 1.

Russia may well be ahead of America in developing inter-continental missiles with nuclear warheads which would render any known air defence system obsolete, "Air Force" magazine said today.

The publication, which often reflects United States Air Force views, also struck out at the "naïve" idea that America would be able in the near future to stop an atomic attack delivered by piloted bombers.

While air defence was steadily improving, the Air Force Association magazine said, "the blunt truth today is that it was a year ago, is that this country is tragically unprepared to ward off a full-scale atomic attack."

It disparaged "talk about fantastic new weapons which are neither fantastic nor available yet for combat."

The publication pointed out that such new weapons as the Army's anti-aircraft missile "Nike" and the Air Force's air-borne missile "Falcon" are not yet in operating units.

It added that even when they were Russia would have other means than big bombers to deliver atomic attacks.

It noted that the United States Air Force now could launch jet fighters with A-bombs from B-36 super-bombers. The next step would be launch guided missiles from the B-36s. The Navy had a 500-mile-range missile, the "Regulus" which could be launched from submarines.

It would be "shockingly shortsighted" to assume that Russia could not do the same thing, with the help of her German missile and submarine experts, the magazine said.

On top of that, it added, was the "frightening" prospect of the inter-continental ballistic missile—a vehicle delivering nuclear weapons at bullet-like speed.—United Press.

## Two Volcanoes Erupt

Stromboli, Feb. 1.

The volcano of Stromboli in the Lipari Islands erupted this afternoon, sending a flow of boiling lava down the north-western slope to the sea and not ash all over the neighbourhood.—France-Press.

Mount Asama, 65 miles north-west of Tokyo, erupted yesterday, the central meteorological observatory reported.

After the eruption smoke spiralled up more than two miles.

The volcano has been intermittently active since December 27.—China Mail Special.

## No US Protest On Alleged MIG Attack

Washington, Feb. 1.

A State Department spokesman said today no official protest would be made concerning the attack by a formation of MIG-15 jet fighters on a U.S. reconnaissance bomber off the coast of Korea on Jan. 22 because the nationality of the attacking crews was not known.

He added, however, that the United Nations Command might send a protest to the North Korean or Chinese Communist delegates to the Armistice Commission in Korea.

F-86 jet fighters guarding the attacked bomber engaged the MIGs and shot down one of them.—France-Press.

## Former Dutch Agent Held In Djakarta

Djakarta, Feb. 1.

A Dutchman, who formerly headed a Dutch intelligence service in Djakarta during the Dutch regime, was arrested here on Saturday, the news agency Antara reported today.

The report did not give his name. It said no information was available from official sources as to the reason for the arrest.

It said a Dutchman, recent Dutch agent, during the Dutch regime, was arrested here on Saturday, the news agency Antara reported today.

## Russia Must Change If Tension Is To Be Reduced

Washington, Feb. 1.

The Brookings Institution, unofficial policy research group, said yesterday the danger of war remained a constant factor in the evaluation of East versus West relations, and warned against continued growth of tension among Western free nations.

In a book surveying the "major problems of United States foreign policy," the institution said that a relaxation in the world situation could only come about through a fundamental shift of motivations within the Soviet regime itself.

The book undertook to survey national and world events and trends of opinion during the last 18 months as they affect foreign policy decisions.

"Against its will, a peace-loving segment of the world finds itself compelled to meet the contingency of further and more horrible war because a so-called state of non-war is proving more bitter and exasperating, at least to some, than the recollection of past wars," the book said.

"Yet it is recommended on the part of peace-loving nations that war is probably no solution for anything."

## POSITIVE ACTION

The Brookings Institution suggested a positive statement of United States objectives in achieving a collective system of international peace and security, embrace the following points:

1. The United States will continue to strive for the establishment of governments in Eastern Europe and the Far East based upon the principles of Article 1 in the United Nations Charter.

2. The United States will continue to strengthen the free world until the principles of the Charter are effectively operative with respect to all nations that have undertaken to respect them.

3. The United States will continue to take positive action to prevent aggression wherever it may occur and to defeat it wherever it may occur.

Appraising the trend of relations among the Western free nations during the last 18 months, the Brookings Institution said:

"The power of decision and hence the capacity to influence the general courses of action of the United States, Great Britain, and France is no longer as obviously concentrated in American hands as has been the case for some time past."

"Similarly, the capacity of these three States to set a direction for the entire free world has been reduced by the obvious wish of some of the other free nations to regain more freedom of action."

"Finally, and in support of these tendencies, new political forces have been set in motion in many of the free nations that have resulted in the dispersal of political power and influence through wider ranges of domestic opinion in these states."

"Hence the freedom of action of the governments of the major nations of the free world has tended to become circumscribed, and the freedom of action of the United States has become correspondingly limited."

## JAPAN'S ROLE

With regard to Japan's role in the world political situation, the Brookings Institution's book said:

"For the United States, therefore, the general problem is to secure effective Japanese participation in co-operative action in the Far East and this problem has two major aspects—the Japanese willingness to re-arm, and the maintenance of the Japanese economic base."

The book said that a major policy problem in the Middle East is to develop a broad course of action to establish a basis for relations with the Arab states that will strengthen the free world.—United Press.

## Shakespeare Scores In Moscow

London, Feb. 1.

The Vakhtangov Theatre of Moscow has just given its 500th performance of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing". Moscow radio reported today.

The same theatre is giving "Two Gentlemen of Verona" and is also rehearsing "Romeo and Juliet" and "Hamlet"—China Mail Special.

## COALITION SOUGHT IN ITALY

Rome, Feb. 1.

The leader of the Social Democratic Party, Giuseppe Saragat, conferred with Liberal and Christian Democratic politicians today in an effort to determine whether a coalition can be formed to end Italy's government crisis.

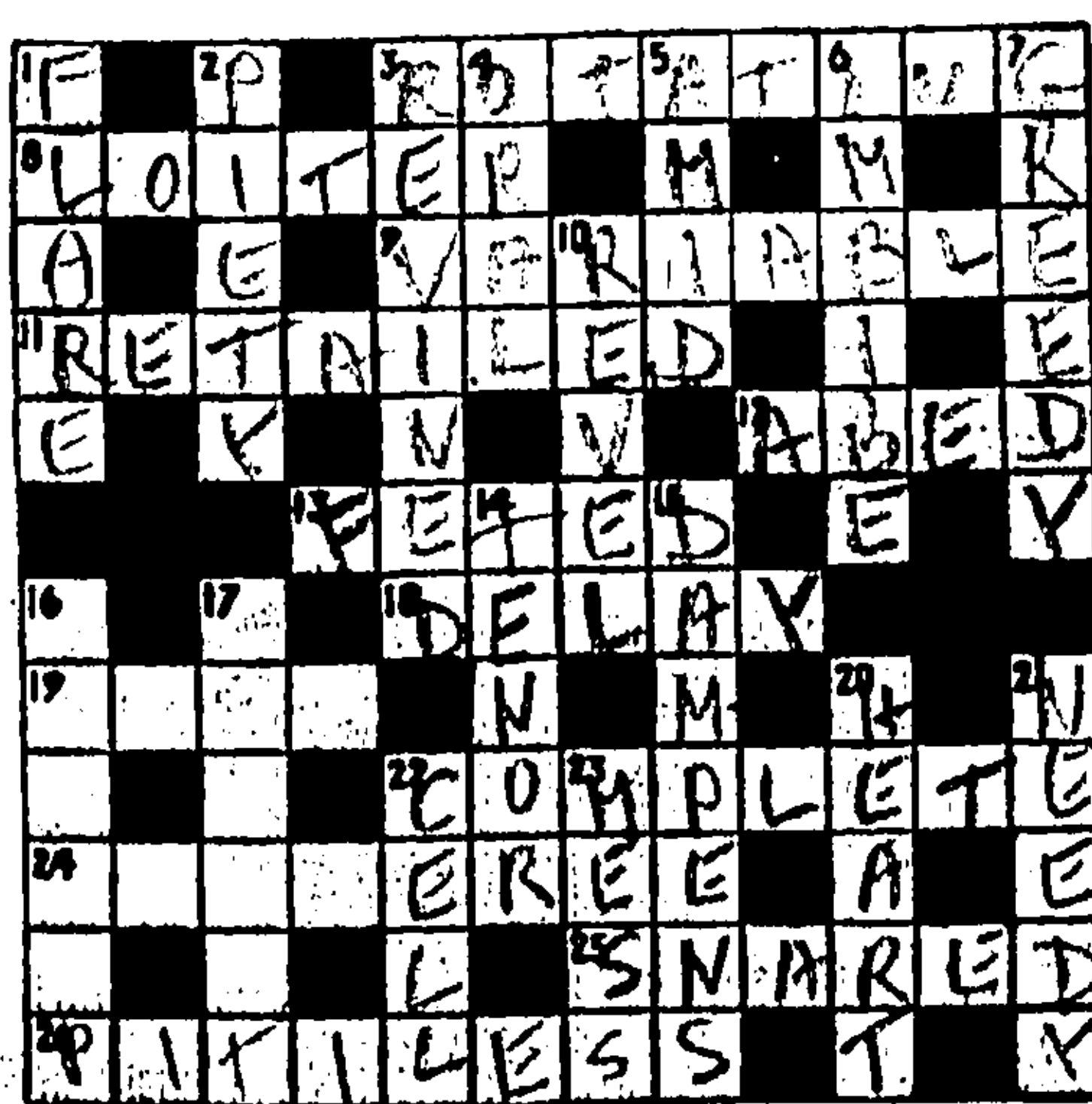
Signor Saragat, whose Party has 19 seats in the Chamber of Deputies, opened consultations with other Party leaders while President Luigi Einaudi was holding similar conversations to end the crisis caused by the rejection of Amintore Fanfani as premier.

Signor Fanfani was defeated by a Parliamentary vote of 303 to 200.

Signor Saragat's consultations were designed to determine whether the Social Democrats could make a Centre Party coalition work in Italy for the first time since June.

If his efforts fail, the Social Democrats may drift toward collaboration with the Left Wing Socialists and the Communists, driving the Christian Democrats toward the Right Wing Monarchists.—United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS  
3 Revolving (8)  
8 Heng mound (6)  
9 Chessable (6)  
11 Solid (8)  
12 Resting (4)  
13 Entertained (6)  
18 Put off (5)  
19 Absent (4)  
22 Entire (8)  
24 Breakfast dish (8)  
25 Trapped (6)  
26 Without pay (8)

DOWN  
1 Binge up (6)  
2 Goodness (7)  
3 Ralied (7)  
4 Spoken (4)  
5 In (4)  
6 Drink (6)  
7 Avaricious (6)  
10 Jollification (8)  
14 Pursuit (6)  
15 Discourage (7)  
16 Card game (8)  
17 Bridled (8)  
20 Comed (6)  
21 Necessitous (6)  
22 Prison room (4)  
23 Disorder (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 8 Remember, 7 Slope, 8 Advantages, 10 Castle, 13 Attempt, 15 Load, 17 Arrange, 18 Mounds, 20 Ache, 21 Taverns, 22 Delate, 27 Luckless, 28 Trade, 29 Suspend, Down: 1 Mocco, 2 Bonnet, 3 Reclaim, 4 Bear, 5 Backs, 6 Reeds, 8 Dapen, 11 Ache, 12 Tame, 13 Trench, 15 Label, 16 Ache, 19 Pail, 19 Super, 24 Yoke, 25 Tether, 26 Serves, 27 Yoke.

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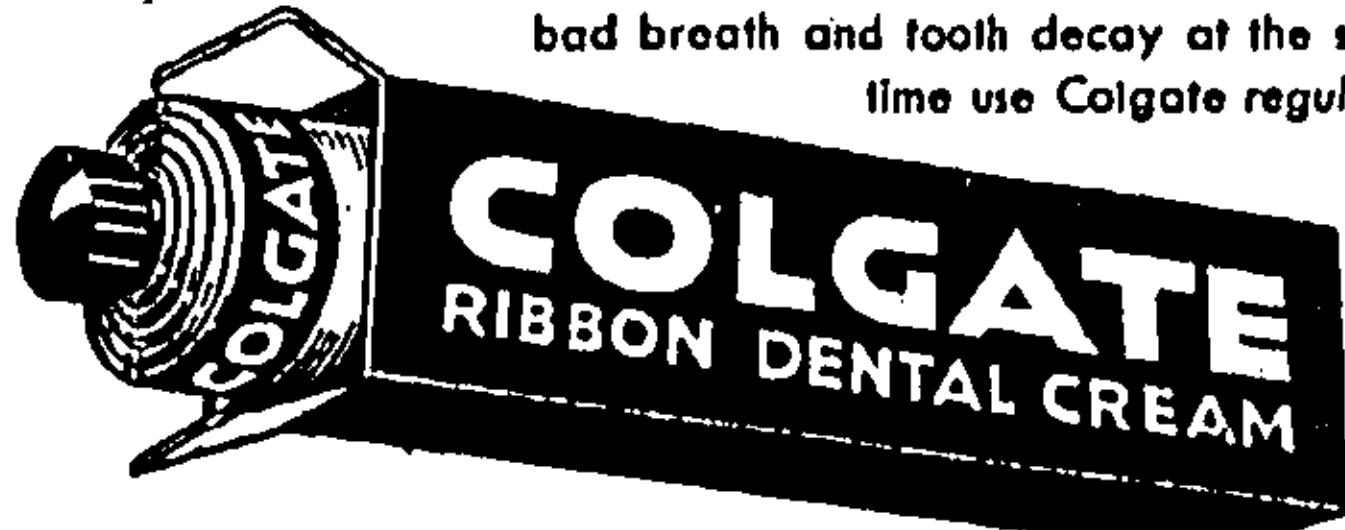


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## NATHANIEL GUBBINS

AS I am now a convalescent with nothing to amuse me but the sheer joy of composing this I have been wondering what would be happening to me now if I were a polygamist married to three or four of the girls who write for women's magazines.

For on the subject of keeping the invalid happy they have written enough columns, which, if pasted end to end, would reach to—right, you've guessed it—the moon.

Instead of taking my nasty medicine at a gulp, which is the best way to take anything nasty, one of my wives would have thought it "more fun" if I sucked it through a straw.

Another whimsical wife would have thought it fun for me if she coloured my glass of milk pink with cochineal, though I would have thought it much more fun if she had coloured it yellow with whisky.

Another would have brought up surprise meals of junket "peppered with hundreds and thousands, the little sweets that amuse the kiddies so much" and thin slices of bread and butter "rolled like jam-rolly polly."

Yet another, believing me to be mentally retarded, would have bustled into the bedroom with an album, a pot of paste, scissors and all the Christmas cards.

I remember that once upon a time this wife wrote: "If your hubby happens to be touchy and grumpy during his convalescence, as they often are, you must find him something simple and amusing to do. There is nothing like pasting pictures in albums to take his mind off himself, and if he happens to be ill at Christmas-time nothing better than colourful Christmas cards for his album. When he gets tired of this you could start him on making mats with canvas, hooks, and coloured wool."

So if I had married all these fiends I would now be sucking medicine through a straw (when I wasn't drinking pink milk) in a bed full of slippery junket, hundreds and thousands, and bits of rolled bread and butter, apart from the usual toast crumbs.

I would have paste all over my fingers, and on the sheets, wool and hooks and canvas all

over the bed, and probably a pair of lost scissors sticking into my behind.

For me, I prefer a book of plays (Mr Terence Rattigan, I have read all yours) and one wife, The Plucky Little Woman, bringing in yellow milk and sensible meals like grilled steak with Lottie the Devil Cat on the bed, snatching the best bits off the fork and spilling the gravy on the elderdown.

### Man In A Pub.

"To cut a long story short," I said to the Man in a pub, "I was sitting in the very same chair you're sitting in now when you should come in but old Fred. You remember old Fred?"

I said I had never heard of old Fred.

"Get along with you," said the Man, "old Fred's the one whose wife believes in reincarnation and goes about the house half naked because she thinks she was once a beautiful slave in ancient Egypt. Of course, it's a bit difficult for old Fred especially when he has company because on one occasion, when the vicar called, she made up her mind she was once the original Eve."

"Naturally the vicar never called again, which is rough on the religious side. But as I say you never know what women are going to do next. There was my daughter Margo who took up yoga and caused a bit of trouble with the milkman by standing stripped to the waist in front of her open bedroom window every morning."

I asked: "Is Margo the one who can't eat eggs?"

The Man said: "No, it's my other daughter, Vi, who can't eat eggs and Margo who can't eat fish. One said at an egg and one at a fish, and the other one, Margo, is rolling on the floor with knives in her stomach."

"Of course, I expect she takes after her Uncle George who made a fortune in the wet fish business, although he wouldn't bear the sight of the stuff. In a way I suppose he was rather like Nelson who always felt ill at sea, because after 40 years feeling sick every day at Billingsgate he packed up and went to Australia. Or was it South Africa?"

I said I had no idea.

"No, I'm a liar," said the Man, "it was Canada, because I remember he went as far north as he could to get away from fish and then found the Eskimos digging fish out of the ice. In fact, what with the fish and the ice and the cold and the dark mornings it was so much like Billingsgate in the winter that he died of a broken heart and left all his money to a nephew who bought a fish restaurant in Walthamstow."

"Well, to cut a long story short," said the Man. (World Copyright)

### Smoggies For Doggies

A WOMAN reader asks an editor, "Where can I buy an anti-smog mask for my bulldog? He suffered cruelly in the Great Fog, and I am sure that owners of other short-nosed breeds are faced with the same problem."

Well, dear, although you have my deepest sympathy, I can't help feeling that the owners of other types of doggies are faced with even greater problems.

I gather that your main difficulty is to fit a smog mask (or smoggie) to a doggie with practically no nose. But I think you will see that it is easier to fit a mask to a doggie with more than a couple of nostrils than to fit one to a doggie with a long nose like an anteater.

You must have noticed that doggies with very long noses usually have very small heads, so that any mask tied behind the ears would slip off. If you tied the mask round its muzzle it would be unable to open its mouth, and, if it couldn't breathe properly through the mask, might choke to death. Which would be a pity.

You must also remember the difficulties of people who own tiny doggies not much bigger than insects. Fitting a mask to a doggie like that would be nearly as difficult as fitting a mask to a pet earwig.

On the other hand, there are enormous, fierce doggies with faces like shovels. If they were unco-operative, fitting a mask to them would be as dangerous as fitting a mask to a mad dog. Finally, there are doggies that are so hairy all over that it is difficult even in broad daylight to tell which end is which. Think what a pair of fool's eyes you would look if you tied the smoggie to the wrong end of the doggie and didn't know which way either of you was going in the fog.



"Boy Tom and Boy Dick he discussing Berlin Peace Conference."

## "MY FRIENDS, THE STARS"

# I Have Coffee With Edward G. Robinson

THE unusual is taken for granted in Beverly Hills — probably because so many unusual people live in this small, sun-kissed town.

No factories spew their smog-laden smoke into the heavens. There are no oil refineries within miles, and even the incinerators in the backyards do not sully the atmosphere.

It may be that they burn a special kind of trash. The cleaner of the skies above the town is the breeze which springs up every afternoon and blows out any invading smog.

With the breeze, too, you see renowned figures. Striding down Coldwater Canyon comes Louis Calhern, looking like a Greek god, and with a slight bow and a smile acknowledging the waves of passing motorists. Few people walk in Beverly Hills. Regulars are movie producer Sam Goldwyn and his wife, Frances. They live on Drive 1, one of the many go-rounds of movie stars. Eleanor Parker's six-year-old walks to school with her English nanny, and Eleanor always attends the school parties. Van Johnson's children attend, and Van helps at the school circus and fair which raises funds for the Parents-Teachers Association.

Groucho, Harpo and Chico Marx come to the high school parties and put on some of their famous sketches. It's said that they are no longer making movies. Groucho is a

Occasionally I walk to the post office, down Beverly Drive to Rector Drive. I linger by Edward G. Robinson's English half-timbered house to drop in for a cup of coffee if he's in the garden and look at his paintings. His collections of French impressionists and Van Gogh are noted throughout the United States. Adjoining the house and connected by a glass-roofed gallery is the art gallery he built to show the Renoirs, Matisse, Monet, Manet, and other modern masters to fine advantage.

His wife, Berner actress Gladys Lloyd, who has become a painter in her own right, recently returned from Mexico

J. M. RUDDY, our correspondent in the fabulous Beverly Hills, concludes his inside story of life among people of the screen.

with some 30 landscapes of superb colour and strong technique.

In the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel there's a drug store with a large soda fountain and restaurant attached.

Drop in on an evening and you'll meet Tony Curtis and his wife, Janet Leigh, with Jerry Lewis and his wife, in dinner clothes, having coffee and a sandwich after a premiere.

Late afternoon. There's Walter Pidgeon in white flannels and a Hadley cashmere pull-over, having tea after tennis with the professional, Frank Feltrop.

Ginger Rogers, Barbara Stanwyck, Robert Taylor, Ida Lupino, Howard Duff, Macdonald Carey, James Mason, Stewart Granger and Joan Simmonds are some of the stars that Feltrop has coached.

The tennis courts are surrounded by 10-foot high hedges and fences. Most movie people don't like to be watched when being taught or when playing with the professional.

Walter Pidgeon takes his tennis seriously. I have played with him a few times, and it is almost catastrophic when he misses a service or drives into the net. But he's a good sport, enjoys a hard game, and plays daily when he isn't at work in the studio.

Hawthorne School on Rector Drive is one of the many children of movie stars. Eleanor Parker's six-year-old walks to school with her English nanny, and Eleanor always attends the school parties. Van Johnson's children attend, and Van helps at the school circus and fair which raises funds for the Parents-Teachers Association.

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There's usually an outdoor grill or barbecue beside the pool, or as at the James Mason's, there's a complete kitchen, with electric washing machine, electric garbage disposal and an electric dish washer, as well as a frig.

One of my neighbours, James Fendleton, a designer and interior decorator, married to a millionaire, has a circular swimming pool in the grounds of his house with a pavilion that will seat 30.

Around the pool are chairs covered in purple, yellow, blue and crimson canvas or plastic.

renowned humorist on television, sponsored by one of the leading automobile manufacturers. Harpo and Chico do cabaret turns. All are well to do, and live near each other in Beverly Hills.

This is a place of contrast. You have Marilyn Monroe in her flat south of Wilshire Boulevard. And a mile away, north of the Boulevard, is the superb collection of contemporary French paintings owned by Jean Negulesco, who directed her in "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

Joan Crawford owns an apartment house, called the Grosvenor, and when she comes to inspect, it is she who has lunch at Romanoff's, directly opposite, then visits Don Lopez's to look at gowns or dresses and spends a few minutes at Dunhill's to buy a lighter or a case of pipes or a box of cigars for the boy friend.

Don't drop into Romanoff's for lunch unless you have plenty to spend. But at the drug store at the corner you can manage with a sandwich and coffee for a song—like me.

With sunshine nine months of the year and many bright, clear days in winter, Beverly Hills people can't enjoy the outdoor life more than most. Hundreds of homes have swimming pools in the back gardens.

Clark Gable, Gary Cooper, Robert Stack, Ray Milland, Robert Mitchum, James Stewart and his wife, Gloria, Barton MacLane, Fred MacMurray, Rory Calhoun, Cameron Mitchell, Stewart Granger, Walter Pidgeon, Robert Taylor and Will Rogers, Jr., are among his customers.

Oh, I haven't forgot John Wayne, who spends a fortune on cameras and guns "at Alex. Kerr's. Last month, "Duke" Wayne bought a pair of matched Purdy shotguns, a trifle of a thousand guineas for the pair.

In Coffee Dan's across the road you'll meet many players who come in for coffee and biscuits at about 10 in the morning before seeing their agents and managers, many of whom have palatial offices in Beverly Hills.

One such office building, that of M.C.A.—Music Corporation of America, agent for the top bands, top dancers, producers, writers and star players—is built like a Southern Colonial mansion in white-painted brick. There isn't an art gallery or a museum in Beverly Hills. This M.C.A. building is one of the compensations.

If you have the right introduction you can visit the Harold Lloyd estate, one of the finest in America.

I've swum in the pool which is big enough to have a couple of rowing boats in, is about 250 feet long and has a waterfall at one end. He has a tennis court in the lower grounds and another in the upper estate and a nine-hole golf course designed by Sandy Cooper, formerly one of the better professionals.

There are formal Italian gardens and charming English rose gardens, several orchards, and a series of greenhouses for his orchid collection. You could spend a few days at the Harold Lloyd place, living in one of the five guest-bungalows, and never see your host.

The film stars of today cannot afford homes or estates like Harold Lloyd's or Mary Pickford's on the hilltop. In his heyday of Charlie Chaplin, Mary and Harold Lloyd, there were so many millionaires that you could

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## OUR DANGEROUS CENTURY

By LES ARMOUR

London. So this is the "mad century."

If we are to take Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe's word for it, crime is on the increase, moral standards on the slide, and humanity in some straight-from-the-shoulder talking.

Sir David, of course, was speaking at the Bishop of Peterborough's conference on Moral Welfare and the atmosphere was appropriate for discourses on sin.

Nevertheless, he is Britain's Home Secretary and the nearest thing to a guardian of public morality permitted in a sane country. He will be taken as an authority—rightly or wrongly.

Strangely, he cited very few facts.

He noted that crime—and particularly violent crime—is on the increase. But he did not say that the population is also on the increase, and that the number of crimes per head is actually falling. And the pitch of international tension is alarming.

He wailed that "we have to deal with a general lowering of moral standards throughout the country." But this is a difficult thing to prove. Moral standards change from generation to generation, but it would require careful documentation and the comparison of the old standard and the new standard to some final and absolute standard to make the case clear. Sir David offers no evidence of any attempt to do the job.

And maybe this century is not so "mad" after all.

It is a dangerous century, certainly: the presence of A-bombs, H-bombs, guided missiles and atomic throwers makes this plain. And the pitch of international tension is alarming.

But it is not also true that even 50 years ago the same degree of international tension would have provoked open warfare.

It is also a century of ferment as the British Colonial Office tell the happy to prove. "But it is not also true that this century is more decadent than any other" in the history books.

concern for the welfare of impoverished and backward communities?

And, no doubt, the twentieth century surpasses all others in its efficiency of making social evil public.

But, surely, in half the world at least, men's regard for the well-being of their fellow men has never been so high. A single homeless family makes newspaper headlines, a single malnourished workman can arouse thousands to action, and the slightest hint of a miscarriage of justice causes an uproar.

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**HOLLYWOOD HEADLINES**

**THE LURID TRAILS OF THE  
DOLLAR LEAD TO A  
TOWN CALLED LAS VEGAS**

Barwick Rangers v. Ayr United.  
Coldstream v. Raith Rovers.  
Rangers v. Kilmarnock.  
Glasgow Lanark or Stenhouse  
muir v. Beveron Vale.  
Aldion Rovers v. Dundee.  
Queen of the South v. Forfar  
Athletic.  
Morton v. Cowdenbeath.  
Falkirk v. Celtic.  
Sterling Albion v. Arbroath.  
Duns v. Aberdeen.  
Bathgate v. Clyde.  
Bishopton City v. Inverness  
Thistle or Hamilton Academical.  
Tarff Rovers v. Partick  
Thistle.  
Peebles Rovers v. Buck  
Thistle.  
Motherwell v. Dunfermlin  
Athletic.  
Frasburgh v. Hearts.  
Replays are to be played on  
Saturday, February 13, with  
replays, if necessary, in the  
following mid-week.—Reuter.

The 14 players selected are:  
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 tish), J. S. Swain (London  
 Scottish), M. K. Elgie (London  
 Scottish), D. Cameron (Glasgow  
 High School's former pupil), T.  
 G. Weatherstone (Stewarts  
 Leggo F.P.), G. R. Watson  
 (London), J. P. MacLachlan  
 (London Scottish), T. P. L.  
 McGlashan (Royal H.S.F.P.),  
 K. G. MacEwen (Cambridge  
 University), H. MacLeod (Har-  
 wick), E. A. J. Ferguson (Oxford  
 University), E. J. E. Michie  
 (Aberdeen University), F. W.  
 Kinninmouth (Richmond), J. H.

Mr. Sund stated that they found the Saigon players quite good, but they could be much improved if they would play the ball game and the team last year. The Dallas team had four players injured in Saigon, but they were not. Mr. Nelson said that of the injured list and with the help of the Dallas team players.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe DiMaggio (Martin Monroe, the film star), arrived today to continue their honeymoon.

The towers mobbed by Japanese, newsmen and fans.

DiMaggio is here with Frank G. O'Dowd (local basketball player), Ronald

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

that one of the success factors in a good cartoon is the "special effects" department. As a result, there is no universal limit upon the need of the "special effects" team of the Space story. Together with the scientists, Mr. Tal is sure that the "special effects" team is what he hopes to live to see the day when Space films will be documentaries.

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—France-Press. Dimitri Frangis



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Hongkong, 29th Jan., 1954.

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All creditors and others accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1954.

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Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1954.

## Russia Gives East-West Trade Top Priority Now

Berlin, Feb. 1.

Urgent Soviet appeals for the revival of East-West trade have revealed pressing economic needs as well as plans to undermine the dollar's dominant position in world economy, Western sources said today.

The Western Foreign Ministers interpreted the insistence of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, during the Big Four conference here on the lifting of the West's restrictions on trade with the Soviet bloc as a sign of Russian inability to cope with growing demands from Red China and its European satellites for more economic assistance in the absence of Western supplies.

Mr. Molotov told the four-power conference that East-West trade was essential, and he has placed this issue on the same level of importance as the political problems for discussion at the Big Five conference with China which he has proposed.

Western spokesmen agree that Mr. Molotov's latest appeals were designed apparently to hit two birds with one stone—first, to get more industrial and consumer goods for Russia, the satellites and Red China, and second to crack the Western front by holding out the glittering bait of unlimited markets and non-dollar supplies to European nations.

Official Western figures and estimates, however, reveal the following picture:

Of the world's total annual exports of more than \$70,000,000,000, only some \$5,000,000,000 worth comes from the Communist world.

Satellite exports to the Communist bloc have nearly trebled since 1950, increasing from \$570,000,000 to some \$1,700,000,000. As much as 80 per cent of the trade of some of the European satellites is transacted within the Communist bloc—Unkred Press.

## SUFFERED SEVERELY

But the European satellites have suffered severely.

Their total exports to the free world have dropped in the same period from about \$1,000,000,000 to some \$850,000,000.

Moscow has streamlined trade inside the Communist bloc, and has diverted much of what used to go to the West to its own family.

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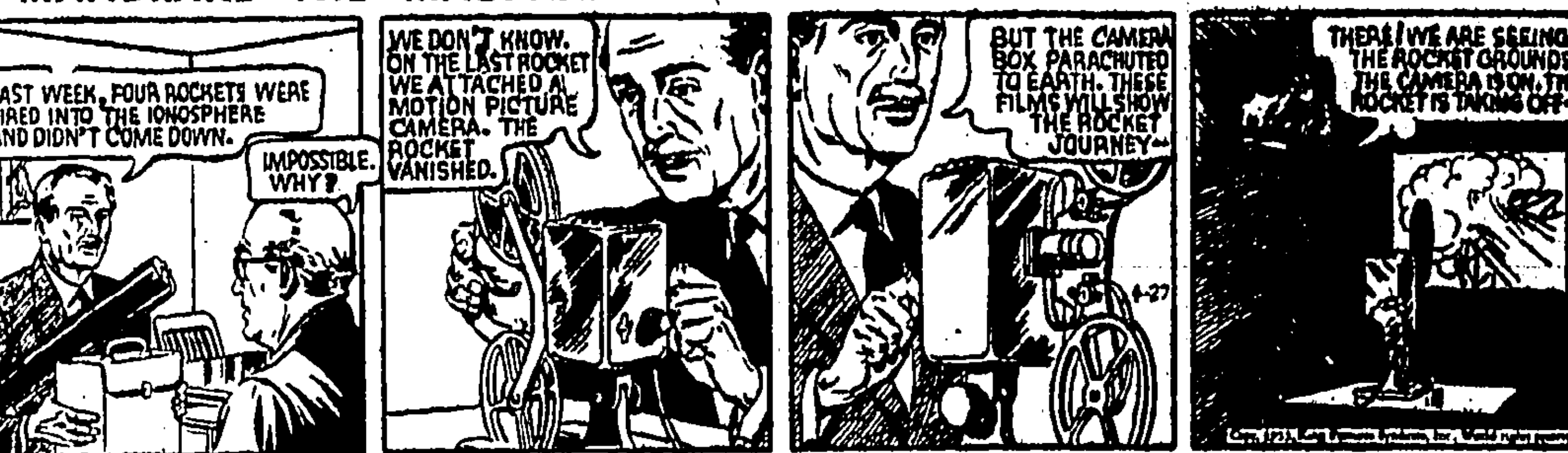
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## Japan To Expand Air Operations In Next 5 Years

Washington, Feb. 1.

The Japan Airlines (JAL) plans to expand its overseas operations within the next five years to a point where it will be pumping \$50,000,000 to \$40,000,000 a year into the Japanese economy, officials of the company said today.

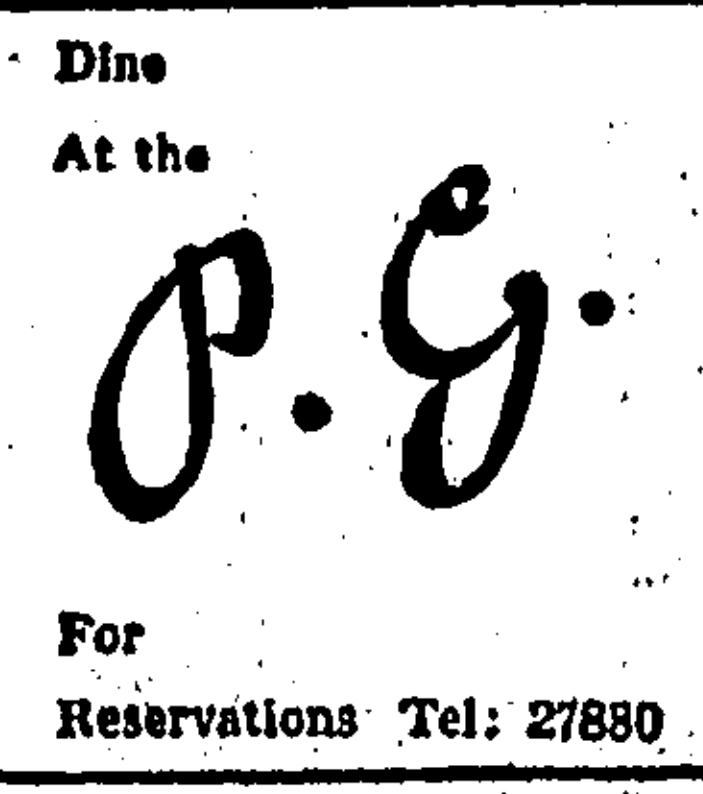
This estimate, whose realization would make JAL an important source of "invisible exports" in Japan's drive to close the current "dollar gap" of about \$800,000,000 a year was made by the JAL officials.

The officials are here on a goodwill mission in connection with the scheduled inauguration on February 5 of JAL's trans-Pacific service.

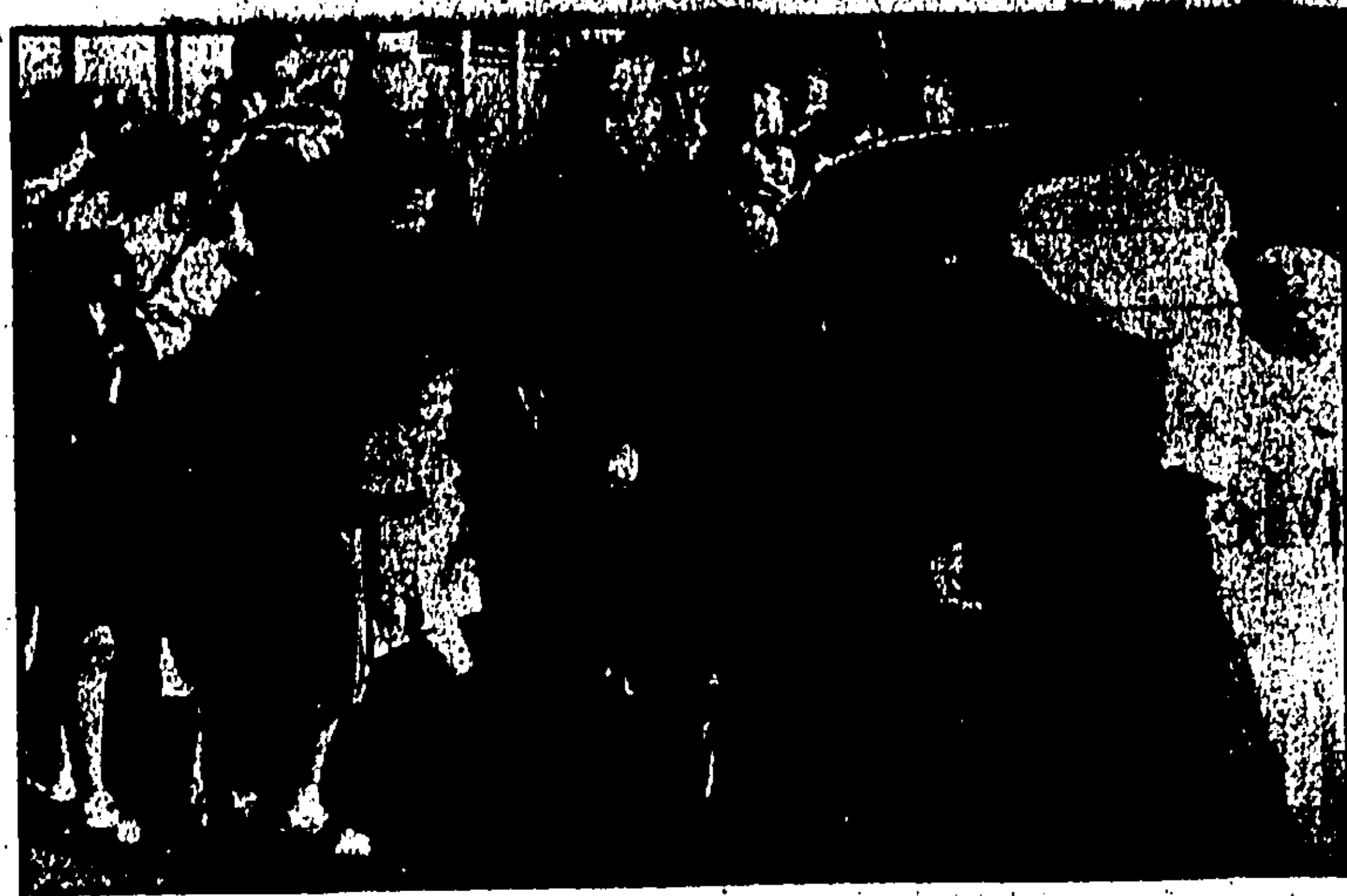
Questioned on the profits Japan's first postwar overseas airline hopes to be making, they said they could not bank on a net income of more than \$1,000,000 for the first year. But as the line expands its service, inaugurating a route to Brazil, to be operated by Comet jetliners, its income is expected to increase considerably.

Pressed for an estimate they said that within the next five years the line's net income in foreign exchange should be running at an equivalent of \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000.

The line's plans include medium and short-range services covering a network of cities in Southeast Asia and the Far East. The Tokyo-London route would include stopovers at Paris, Rome, Cairo, Karachi, Colombo, Rangoon and Hongkong. The officials said that negotiations with the government for the use of the Japanese flag on the line were in progress. They also said that the line would be one with a strong financial base.







The Duke of Edinburgh squeezing his way through the crowds which packed round the royal car outside the NELSON INSTITUTE during the royal visit to NELSON, New Zealand.

## Japan's New Campaign For The Return Of Ryukyu And Bonin Islands

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

A new strain is being put on relations between the United States and Japan by a campaign here for return of the American-administered Ryukyu and Bonin Islands.

On one of them, Okinawa, the United States has built her biggest Far Eastern bomber base, with runways long enough to launch bombers whose range would include Moscow.

Japanese press publicity for the return of the Ryukyu Island chain, stretching 1,000 miles south towards Formosa, has been redoubled since the United States returned the less strategic Anami Oshima Islands on Christmas Day.

Celal Bayar Says:

## Capitalism Is Best For Improving Lot Of Poor

New York, Feb. 1.

President Celal Bayar of Turkey declared tonight that his country has "shown the world" that capitalism is the best system for improving the lot of a poor nation.

Climaxing a day in which he visited the United Nations, received an enthusiastic welcome from New York City and was given an honorary degree by Columbia University, President Bayar spoke at a dinner in his honor in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, given by the American-Turkish Society.

"We have shown the world that the economic system called capitalism, which is based on private enterprise, is the best system to be employed in rehabilitating a country that is economically backward, provided, of course, that the principles of social justice are never lost from view," he said.

Turkey, like the United States, he said, is convinced that civilization can progress only in an atmosphere of freedom and democracy.

The President added that Turkey felt "honoured" to stand side by side with the United States in the fight against oppression.

He invited private enterprise to invest in Turkey.

Mr. Bayar explained that Turkey is unable to carry the entire burden of maintaining a 400,000-man army and needs outside help in the form of such investment. He said his country had begun to adopt measures to encourage foreign capital to help in its economic development.

"Turkey, who belongs to the world believing in the freedom of the individual, private enterprise, the sacredness of the independence of nations, and the indivisibility of social and political peace, has a common frontier with the world which holds the opposite opinion, and for this reason she is in the position of a pivot," he said.

United States Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, who also spoke, predicted that Turkish-American friendship would grow stronger. He said he was "proud" that President Eisenhower shared this belief.

"Perhaps more than anything else in the American mind, the self-discipline and steadiness of purpose which characterize the Turkish nation," Mr. Nixon said.

The Islands were placed under American administration in the Japanese Peace Treaty and the United States may retain control of them as long as she sees fit.

President Eisenhower in his State of the Union message on January 7 made headlines in Japan by saying that the United States would retain control of the Ryukyus "indefinitely."

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Katsuo Okazaki, said on Christmas Day that he would be neglecting his duty to the Japanese people if he did not press the United States for consideration of claims for the return of the Ryukyus.

The Japanese press here gives a picture of bent, straw-hatted Ryukyuan-Japanese farmers tilling the barely arable land of the Islands and herding the fish in the coastal villages with something more than their crop and their catch to talk about these days.

They say that among the Ryukyus' 800,000 inhabitants talk now centres on how long they must wait before they are once more administered from Tokyo, instead of Washington.

Optimistic Prophecies

Alongside these impressions are optimistic prophecies that the return of the Amami Oshima Islands is only a prelude to the early return of the Ryukyus and the nearby Bonin Islands.

As far as United States officials here are concerned, these prophecies have no foundation in fact.

One United States official described typical Japanese statements as "ostrich-like." Japanese officials, he added, continue to make optimistic forecasts, seeming to ignore purposely American statements that no transfer of the islands is contemplated in the foreseeable future.

The American view is that the Japanese press has purposely "played down" most official American statements denying the possibility of an early return of the Ryukyus. A speech by the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, was almost ignored. Only when President Eisenhower, after nearly a month of Japanese "heart-burning," came out with his State of the Union message, did the Japanese press give the American official view full publicity.

The American feeling is that the future of both the two Ryukyus and the tiny Amami Oshima Islands must be determined by the United States and the United States alone.

Lost To Russia

By returning the Amami Oshima Islands to Japan without acquiring other islands to the Peace Treaty, the United States affirmed its right under the Treaty to take independent action in regard to the territory placed under its administration.

The Peace Treaty limited Japan's territory to the four

"home" islands of Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu, plus a few small off-shore islands.

Japan renounced "all right, title and claim" to Korea, Formosa, and the other territories which she had annexed by force. In the north, she lost to Russia the Kurile Islands and the southern part of Sakhalin.

Under a separate article of the treaty, the Amami Oshima Islands, the Ryukyus and the Bonins were placed under United States Administration and Japan agreed to "cooperate in any proposal" of the United States to place these islands under United Nations trusteeship, with the United States as sole administering authority.

Official American sources have indicated that America does not intend to place the islands under United Nations trusteeship. American officials here believe that this may be a reason why many Japanese have jumped to the conclusion that the islands will be handed back to Japan.

Little Different

One of the strongest Japanese arguments is that Japanese administrative control would not interfere with American military control. It is stressed that American forces remained in Japan after the Occupation and will now remain in the Amami Oshima Islands.

Americans say that the life of the Ryukyus Islands is little different under American administration from what it would be if Japan had control. American policy, it is to let the islands themselves carry out as much of the administrative work as possible.

The Islands were Japan's "poor relations" before the war. They are no more self-sufficient today. Their value is essentially strategic.

The Bonin Islands have even less to offer. Their present population of 7,000 has today dwindled to about 140.

Both groups can be expected to remain under United States control as long as the Far Eastern situation remains troubled.

While danger persists, Japan's sovereignty over the islands is likely to remain the "residual sovereignty" recognized in the Peace Treaty and nothing more.

China Mail Special.

Didn't Know Her Husband's Name

Sydney, Feb. 1. The Japanese wife of an Australian serviceman arrived at Woolloomooloo aboard the liner Changam not knowing her husband's Christian name until army authorities here told her.

"I always called him Snowy or Chino, and so does every body else," she told immigration officers.

The Changam, which is a Japanese ship, was carrying 12 children.

### Cow Has Quins

Hongkong, Feb. 1. A cow owned by Mr. L.J.C. Rival at Mauiwai near here has given birth to quins—the first ever heard of by experts here.

The quins, a bull and four heifers, are on a par with the other calves with which they are herded.

The mother feeds two and the other three are being fed by other cows.—China Mail Special.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange today amounted to \$559,500.00. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS

HSBC 1800 1800 7 1070

INSURANCES

Union 650 650 5 850

SHIPPING

Asia Nav. 1.12 1.12 1 100

DOCKS, ETC.

W. Wharf 70 70 2 140

Provident 13.80 14.10 10 1380

Provident (New) 13.20 13.20 1 1320

Wheelock 0.15 1.00 1 020

LAND, ETC.

HSBC 8.25 8.25 2,000 16,500

HSBC 7.75 7.75 100 775

Humphreys 19.50 19.50 100 1,950

Utilities 2.20 2.20 1,000 2,200

UTILITIES

TAH 2.15 2.15 1,000 2,150

Star Ferry 1.41 1.41 100 1,410

C. Light (O) 15.40 15.40 375 5,775

C. Light (N) 12.30 12.30 1,000 12,300

Electric 32 32 31 1,024

Telephone 20 20 13 260

INDUSTRIALS

Cement 21 21 3,000 63,000

Rope 16.80 16.80 1,000 16,800

STORES, ETC.

Dairy 27.80 27.80 1,000 27,800

Walson 21.50 21.50 1,000 21,500

COTTONS

Textiles Corp. 7.10 7.10 200 1,420

MISCELLANEOUS

Yangtze 6.50 6.50 3,200 20,800

Yamutai 3.00 3.00 500 1,500

Automatic Approval Imports To Japan; 10 p.c. Rate

Tokyo, Feb. 1.

The Japanese Ministry of Trade announced today a universal rate of 10 per cent would henceforth apply to deposits required for applications for automatic approval imports.

Previously, rates ranged from 0.1 per cent up to 10 per cent. The only exceptions to the new ruling will be deposits for imports from Indonesia and Republic of Korea, which will remain at 3 per cent, and those for imports from Southwest Island (Ryukyus) which will remain 0.1 per cent, the announcement said.

The Ministry also announced applications for automatic approval imports from some countries in the Open Account Area would henceforth be required to put up cash deposits instead of credit guarantees from commercial banks.—Reuters.

New York Metal Futures

New York, Feb. 1.

Lead Feb. 1.10 1.10 1 1,100

Zinc Feb. 1.10 1.10 1 1,100

Copper Feb. 1.10 1.10 1 1,100

All prices in US cents per lb.

LONDON PRICES

London, Feb. 1.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1954.

JOHN CLARKE'S  
CASEBOOK

## Economist At Large

THE tall young West African pushed through the swing-doors into the National Assistance Board office, and sauntered over to the counter.

"Mornin' all," he said affably, and pulling his dog-eared credentials from his pocket, thrust them towards the clerk on the farther side of the counter.

"Pay day, eh?" he said, grinning. "My, but does the cost-of-livin' index want some livin' up to?"

He lolled on the counter and looked round at the austere, familiar surroundings. He was a lean, rather handsome man, named Simon, with the studious air of an intellectual.

### QUITE AT HOME

IT was some time since Simon had studied, though. Some time since he had done any work. For 15 months he had allowed the tax-payers of Britain the privilege of supporting him.

He felt at home in the Assistance office as if it had been his club.

"Come on, mistub," he said. "If you takes much longer payin' me, dat ol' cost-of-livin' index'll be up another point."

He was something of an economist, Simon, and he put back his head and roared at his clerk. Then he looked at the clerk, and heard what the clerk was saying. The grin came off Simon's face.

"There's no money for you," the clerk was saying. "I can give you your bus fare to the reception centre, but that's all."

### FIGHT WITH POLICE

THE reception centre is the place provided for those to live who overstep the limits of the public's hospitality. A kind of minus-four-star hotel for the chronically work-shy.

"Ah don't want no bus fares," Simon said. "Ah want mah money and ah's stayin' right here till ah get it, see?"

They tried to make him go, but he would not. The police were called, and when two officers came to persuade him to leave, Simon fought them for his right to stay.

Next morning, at the Clerkenwell court, he was charged with assaulting the police and with using insulting behaviour whereby a breach of the peace might have been caused. He pleaded not guilty.

### ANY QUESTIONS?

THE police told their story. Mr. Frank Powell, the magistrate, asked Simon: "Any questions?"

"Yez suh," said Simon. "What was yo' primary function or purpose in comin' and if so was it irrespective of what yo' found me doin'?"

He asked the officer, "Did this did not 'concoct' from him responsibility for smearing innocent persons in order to extricate himself from his personal problems." — United Press.

## Blackmail Charge By Roosevelt

(Continued from Page 1)

from malaria at the time, or he would have resisted what he now recognised as blackmail. He was extremely serious as he spoke to a jammed press conference. He said his wife had made her charges without regard to the effect they had on the persons named, their families or friends.

The eldest son of the late President, his customary smile absent, said he owed an especial apology to the nine persons named in a letter dated February 27, 1945, which Mrs. Roosevelt filed in connection with her separate maintenance suit.

"Each and every one of them is completely innocent of any misconduct with me," he said. "The harm which has been done them I can never repair, but I can and do emphasise their innocence and ask their forgiveness."

Prior to the reading of the prepared statement of denial to the infidelity charges, Roosevelt told assembled reporters that while he was releasing his supporters in the race for the seat in the 26th Congressional District, he still had not completely retired from the contest.

In the statement itself, Roosevelt said he hoped that the persons whose names were listed in the letter understood "my actions were done under compulsion."

"Until very recently," the statement continued, "I had fully accepted my wife's statement to me that all such documents had been destroyed."

Roosevelt charged his wife with having an "insatiable demand for material security." He added that, from the beginning of their marriage, she had developed "an unreasonable fear and jealousy of anybody with whom I came in contact." He then charged her with conducting a calculated campaign to transfer to her "every material asset that I owned."

He said this campaign was carried on under the "constant threat to accuse me of imaginary infidelity with these with whom I had contact in my normal life."

In explaining the letter he signed in 1945, he said his wife repeatedly demanded that he acknowledge "these imaginary happenings" and, as he quoted her, "purgé my soul." He said he was given no alternative and Mrs. Roosevelt promised that if he once did as she demanded they could begin their marital life anew. — United Press.

### FEEL RELIEVED

Honolulu, Feb. 1.

Two Honolulu society women, both of whom were mentioned in the James Roosevelt divorce action, said today that they were "very pleased" and "quite relieved" to hear of Roosevelt's denial and apology.

Mrs. Julia Waterhouse Damon called the episode "the most bewildering thing I've ever experienced."

Mrs. Richard C. Durant said that she was relieved that Roosevelt made his explanation and apology, but added that this did not "concoct" from him responsibility for smearing innocent persons in order to extricate himself from his personal problems. — United Press.

## MAIL BAG ROBBERY

A mail bag to be delivered to the Crown Jewellers was stolen from a Post Office van here today—the second mail van robbery in the past ten days.

An official of the jewellery firm Messrs Garrard & Co., Ltd., of Regent Street, said he did not know what the bag contained. "It could be registered packets of jewellery or money or orders," he said.

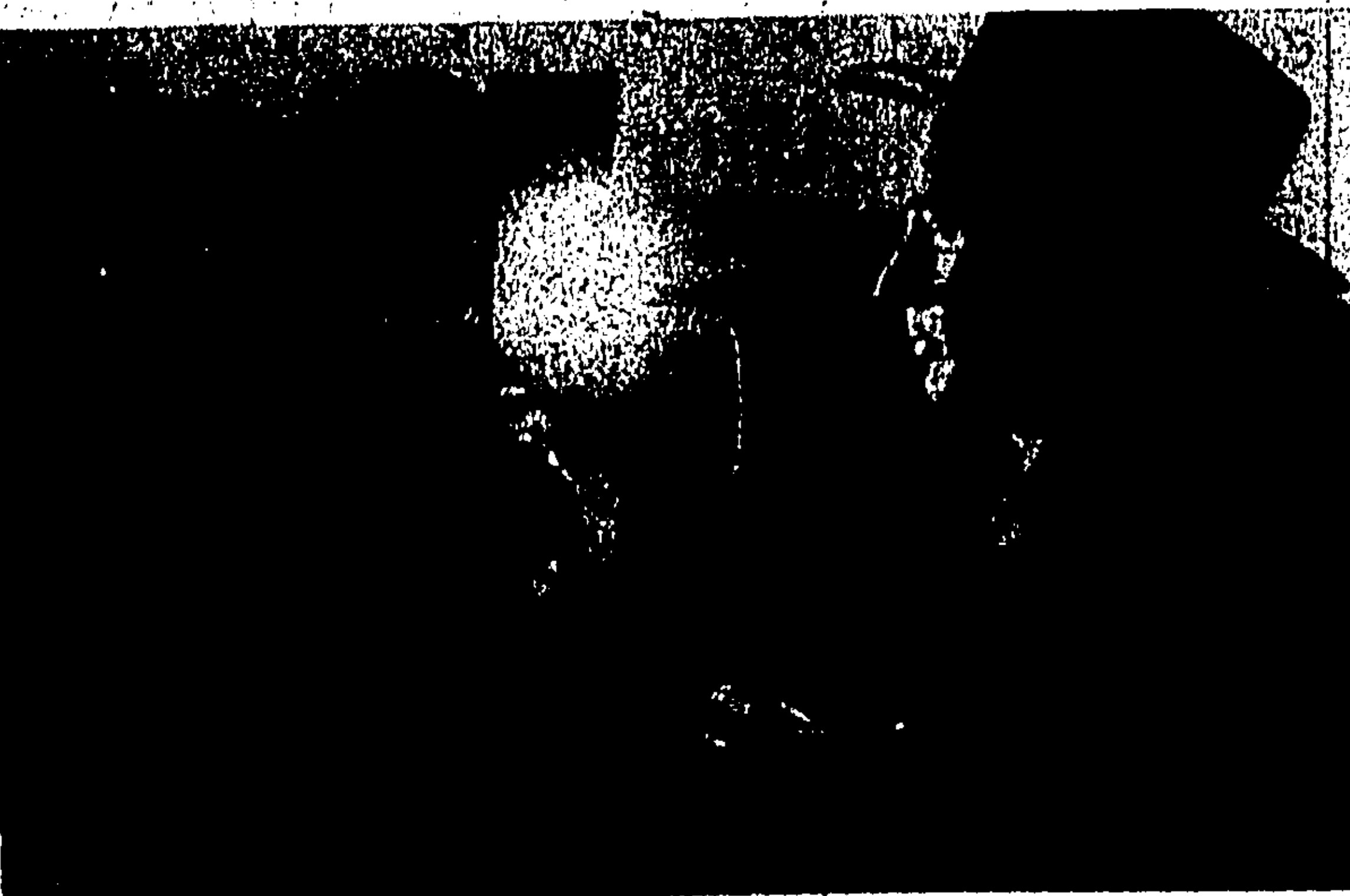
"We understood there were about 22 parcels in the bag. It may have been articles sent by people from any part of the country to us."

It will be at least a week before we can find out what is missing.

Scotland Yard and Post Office officials are making inquiries at the depot from which the van collected the mail.

Ten days ago bandits stole not only mail bags but a mail van itself containing £13,000.—China Mail Special.

## A REMARKABLE NEW MATERIAL



With the searing flame of an acetylene burner only an inch or so from his face, Italian inventor Angela Seconiti has perfect confidence in the insulation properties of the material demonstrated in London recently. The material is Seconiti, claimed to be an entirely new product to resist fire and acids, and as an insulating material, as a building material, a filter to separate light oils from water, in the protection of tanks against explosions and to dispense with a petrol pump or carburettor in the standard petrol engine. This was the first British demonstration of the versatile material.—London Express.

## Narriman Denies New Romance

Cairo, Feb. 1.

Former Queen Narriman said today she could not think of a new romance now because her heart had not yet healed from the wounds inflicted by ex-King Farouk.

The 19-year-old beauty lost her throne, her husband and her child, two-year old Fuad Ahmed who was king for nine months.

The former Queen goes to court tomorrow for a final divorce decree which gives custody of Fuad to the portly ex-king, now touring Alpine ski resorts with an 18-year-old Italian beauty.

(Farouk and Irma Capecce, a Naples beauty queen, left Saint Vincent, Italy, today for another Alpine resort at Cervinia. Farouk refused to comment on the reports from Cairo.

"I've been very happy here at Saint Vincent," he told newsmen. "I am so pleased with the family atmosphere of this town which is so unlike the exaggerated swankiness of other places I have visited.")

Narriman, interviewed at her home at Heliopolis outside Cairo, displayed a dry-eyed grief that had its beginnings in 1951 when Farouk won her away from a young student.

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"My only comfort is the memory of my son," she said.

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## HK Italian Society Formed

At a meeting held recently at East Gate Lodge, University of Hongkong, it was decided to form a Hongkong Italian Society.

Those present at the meeting included the Italian Vice-Consul and Mrs. G. Bertucchi, Professor and Mrs. Arrigo Foa, the Rev. Father A. Granelli, Monsignor and Madame K. Caudron, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Szczepanik and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gransden, den.

It was decided that the Society should temporarily be named the Societa-Amici dell'Italia—Hongkong, and that its aim should be to promote a greater interest in and knowledge of Italian culture. For this purpose it was proposed to solicit the immediate recognition and support of the Societa Dante Alighieri, Rome.

The following, temporary Committee was elected: President: Mr. J. H. Gransden; Vice-President: Monsignor K. Caudron; Secretary: Mrs. E. F. Szczepanik; Treasurer: Mrs. A. Foa.

The Society will henceforward hold monthly meetings of a social and cultural nature, and all Italian-speaking residents in the Colony are cordially invited to take part.

The subscription has been fixed at \$15 per quarter, payable in advance, and the only requirements are that would-be members should be able to speak Italian (all meetings will be held in that language) and that they should be introduced by an existing member.

All correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary, but any who are interested are cordially invited to contact any members of the Committee at the following addresses: Mr. J. H. Gransden, University of Hongkong; Mrs. E. F. Szczepanik, University of Hongkong; Mrs. A. Foa, Church Guest House, Monsignor K. Caudron, French Bank Building.

## Expelled Priests Here

Five Catholic priests, all of them expelled by the Communists, arrived from Tientsin in the afternoon this morning.

They were Father O. J. Ampe, 65, (Belgian), Father P. S. Rab, 39, (Hungarian), Father J. Kaufmann, 38, (Hungarian), Father F. K. Fels, 35, (French), and Father M. Luss, 34, (Italian).

Father Rab said that they did not know the reason of their expulsion.

When asked whether he was happy to leave the mainland, Father Rab said he was not, for he liked the country where he had spent so many years.

Father Fels and Father Luss, of the Salesian order, had taught in a technical institute in Peking for the last five years. The main courses in the institute were wood carving, shoe making and clothing.

Most of the fathers had worked in North China for more than 10 years and had spent their last few years in Peking.

## Probe Into Men's Death From Sunstroke

Washington, Feb. 1.

Two fathers testified today that a Marine Corps training hike during a summer heat wave caused the deaths of their sons and may have resulted in permanent injury to half of the 538 others.

Simultaneously, the Marine Corps disclosed that as a result of the incident it ordered a "curtailment" of training activities at its Quantico, Virginia, base when the temperature is 90 or higher. It said other precautions also have been taken.

## Damaging Charges By Socialists

Tokyo, Feb. 2.

Premier Shigeru Yoshida's Liberals and the conservative Progressive Party today fought damaging socialist charges that they had accepted \$140,000 in campaign funds from a giant Japanese investment fund to save it from financial oblivion.

The battle between the Socialists and the Conservatives featured the second day of the House of Representatives watchdog committee investigation into the operations of the Hozon Keizai Kai multi-million dollars investment agency which collapsed last October.

The right Socialists, after disavowing themselves from the scandal as a party, turned on witness Rikizo Hirano, one of their own party leaders who is an adviser in the Hozon Keizai Kai during yesterday's hearings, and obtained from him hearsay testimony that the investment firm had given 30,000,000 Yen to the Liberals and 20,000,000 Yen to the Progressives.

Hirano said he "understood" that the purpose of the donation was to persuade them to enact legislation which would enable the Hozon Keizai Kai to operate as an investment bank.

That legislation was never drafted, the Hozon Keizai Kai closed its doors last October and its chairman, Masutomi Ito, and several directors were arrested last week.

The Socialists seized on Hirano's statement in an attempt to build up the scandal into another Showa Denko, the bank loan case which caused the downfall of the Asahida Cabinet in 1948.—United Press.

## MOLOTOV "ENTIRELY NEGATIVE"

Berlin, Feb. 1.  
All Western delegations to-night expressed bitter disappointment over the reaction of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, to the British plan for a united Germany based on free, all-German elections.

Describing the speech as "entirely negative," the Western delegations said that the Soviet proposals for both East and West participation in a provisional German government took the position back to where it had always been.

They added that the present Soviet view made a solution even more difficult to realize and foreshadowed a return to long-drawn-out international wrangles that had occupied so much time in the post-war world.

West German observers also described the speech as "disappointing." They said that the Soviet attitude was "diametrically opposed to the Western viewpoint because it represented an attempt to bring the four-power negotiations a renewal of the atmosphere of the 1945 Yalta conference.

## Man Hit By Tram

A long line of trams halted their impatience as crowds gathered to see the cause of the traffic jam at the junction of Pedler Street and Des Voeux Road Central at about 9.40 this morning.

Looking none the worse for the jolt, he had recovered from Lam No. 77, an elderly European, with his hat still perched firmly on his head, walked to an ambulance.

The man was heard to say "Inform my wife at the Pan American Airlines office," before he was helped into the ambulance and rushed to hospital.

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times, are given by enquiry at the local office.

Tomorrow all offices will be closed for public business. There will be no delivery and no collection from posting boxes. The private lobby will be kept open from 9 a.m. to noon.

Thursday, February 4 the public offices of G.P.O. and Kowloon C.P.O. will be open for business from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The branch office will be closed. There will be one collection from posting boxes and one general delivery collection from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Post Office private box lobby will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2  
By Air  
Formosa, 3 p.m.  
HONGKONG NEW YEAR HOLIDAY  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3  
By Air  
Indo-China, 6 p.m.  
Philippines, 6 p.m.  
U.S.A. & Canada, 8 p.m.  
Japan, 8 p.m.  
Formosa, 3 p.m.  
Malaya, 3 p.m.  
New Zealand, 8 p.m.  
By Surface  
CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary, 6.03. Melody with the Stars—Highlights from "Patience" (10.30). The Bullfinch, 6.30. BBC Bandstand—Podena Motor Works Band cond. by Fred Morley (10.30). 7. Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.10. News Talk (London Relay); 7.15. Special Announcements; 7.15. Interlude for Rhythm—James Moody and Windward Dancers (10.30). The Bullfinch (BBC) 7.30. Forces Favourites (London Relay); 8. The Bullfinch (BBC) 8.30. The Iron Man. A Musical Notebook presented by the Rev. Father T. Ryan, S. J. (8.30). 9.30. The Iron Man. A Portrait of John Wilkinson written by John Gwyn Jones (BBC); 10. At the Ballet—"Aurora's Wedding" (Tchaikovsky). London Philharmonic Orchestra, cond. by Sir Adrian Boult. Weather Report; 11. Time Signal. Radio News Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15. The Bullfinch. Music: God Save the Queen; 11.30. Close Down.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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